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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/423,575
Title: PLANT GENE CONSTRUCTS AND THEIR USE

OUR REFERENCE: ARNO-1-14646

FROM: Karen Blöchlinger, Ph.D.

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MESSAGE: Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Transmittal Letter for Response After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Petition for Extension of Time/Notice of Appeal. (2 pages)
2. Response After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. (4 pages)
3. Notice of Appeal. (1 page)

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B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 14, 2003, set to expire on July 14, 2003, be extended by three months to expire on October 14, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 3-month extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

C. Notice of Appeal

Transmitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application.

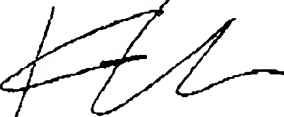
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appeal fee of \$330.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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